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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : David Y. McManis
NIO for Warning
SUBJECT : Warning of Terrorist Acts

The attached DIA Terrorism Warning Report clearly is in response to the Beirut bombings; nevertheless, it fills a vital need in helping to first focus the attention of DIA on the requirements of the field commanders and, secondly, helping the field commanders sort out the wheat from the chaff in their intelligence support.

You may wish to commend Jim Williams on this series next time you see him.


D.Y. McManis

Attachment:
As stated (h/w)

DIA review completed.

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NIGHT ACTION REQUIRED ON ALL INFO ADDRESSEES

SUBJ: DIA TERRORISM WARNING REPORT 83-1/1 FOR U.S. FORCES LOCATED IN LEBANON (U)

REF: DIA OS-1 MSG DTG 181651Z NOV 83, SUBJ: WARNING NOTICE

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1. (S) DIA ASSESSES AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON TERRORIST CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS AGAINST U.S. FORCES LOCATED IN LEBANON AS SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO WARRANT HEIGHTENED COMMAND ATTENTION AND SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.
2. (S) SUMMARY: VARIOUS REPORTING SOURCES INDICATED THAT RADICAL SHIA MUSLIM ELEMENTS IN BEIRUT HAVE APPARENTLY ENTERED A NEW PHASE IN THEIR ANTI-MNF OPERATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THEY ARE PLANNING IMMINENT AND WIDE-SCALE TERRORIST ATTACKS, TO INCLUDE SUICIDE BOMBINGS INVOLVING VEHICLES AND INDIVIDUALS WEARING EXPLOSIVE BELTS AGAINST THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE (MNF) IN BEIRUT, LEBANON. THESE ATTACKS ARE PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH THE UPCOMING SHIA MUSLIM HOLIDAY "THE FINAL DAY OF MOURNING" WHICH FALLS DURING THE PERIOD 24-28 NOVEMBER.
3. (S) DESCRIPTION: FANATICAL MEMBERS OF ISLAMIC AMAL, HIZBALLAH, OR THE IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARD WILL REPORTEDLY TRY TO STAGE SUICIDE ATTACKS AGAINST ELEMENTS OF THE MNF IN BEIRUT. UNCONFIRMED BUT MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE REPORTS INDICATE THAT BETWEEN 250-1000 "SUICIDE TROOPS" ARE SOON TO BE OR ARE NOW BEING INFILTRATED INTO BEIRUT TO CARRY OUT THESE TERRORIST OPERATIONS AGAINST THE FRENCH AND AMERICANS. THE DURATION OF THIS THREAT CANNOT BE COMPLETELY JUDGED AT THIS TIME BUT WE EXPECT IT TO RUN THROUGH THE END OF NOVEMBER.
4. (S) IMPLICATION: U.S. FORCES IN LEBANON FACE IN IMMINENT THREAT OF HOSTILE TERRORISM ACTIVITY, AND ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND MAINTAIN INCREASED SECURITY AWARENESS UNTIL THIS THREAT HAS SUBSIDED.
5. (S/NF) INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 ABOVE MAY BE SHARED LOCALLY IN BEIRUT BY U.S. ELEMENTS WITH THEIR MNF COUNTERPARTS. ANOTHER VERSION OF THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT BY THE NMIC IN THE WHIMS SYSTEM.
6. (U) PREPARED BY: NMIC/OS-1 TERRORIST DESK OFFICER (KY-3/2779)
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